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Democratic Ticket.

For Circuit Judge 12th District, JOHN E. COOPER.

For Commonwealth Attorney, COL. L. M. DAY.

County Judge—G. B. SWANCO.

County Clerk—C. L. TYKINS.

County Sheriff—DAVID HOGG.

County Assessor—G. T. CENTER.

County Coroner—W. F. ELKINS.

County Surveyor—W. W. DRAKE.

County Jailor—J. B. JONES.

County School Teacher—JOHN M. ROSE.

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adoption of the character of the Superintendent, would be the first to expose him and urge his removal.

We have also thoroughly examined the testimony taken by the Board, in the late investigation of the charges against the Superintendent, requested by him and directed by the Governor, and can find nothing whatever in the whole matter on which to base the slightest foundation for anything detrimental to the capacity, integrity or moral character of the Superintendent.

The Board, in the investigation, opened the doors and gave everybody an opportunity to come or bring before them anything and everything known or heard of against the Superintendent. With this opportunity before them, it was impossible to show that there was anything against Dr. Chenault, except a factional opposition, which, we believe, would sooner die out by silent contempt, than by giving notice to it.

Your committee most heartily indorse the report of the Board of Commissioners made to the Governor, as a result of their recent investigation.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

REV. J. T. & F. DAY, Hazel Green, D. D. LANDRAU, Stillwater, CASBIDY & ROBINSON, Campton.

JACK RINGO'S CLAIM.

The Famous Little Fighting Sheriff of Menifee Wants Pay for His Services.

A recent dispatch from Frankfort to the Courier-Journal, says: A. J. Ringo, the Sheriff of Menifee county, is here, pushing a claim he has made against the State, for breaking up the Beathitt and Menifee county bands of desperadoes. Ringo is well known over the State. He is a small, well dressed man, and looks like a Methodist preacher. He is lame, having been shot in the leg in the well-known attack upon the Mt. Sterling jail several years ago when the Barnett gang were confined there.

Ringo has a record few sheriffs in this Commonwealth can equal. He was largely instrumental in breaking up the celebrated Barnett gang of Menifee county. This crowd was composed of John Barnett, his son-in-law, John Gibbs, Newton Yarbrough, Elliot Watkins, Sol, John, and Alonzo Beckett. The latter five were neighbors of Barnett, and through years of association had become his allies. For a long time Barnett and his crowd terrorized Menifee and portions of the surrounding counties. They committed all kinds of crimes, such as burning the houses and killing the cattle of their enemies. When arrested they could easily prove alibis by their friends, and they never experienced any trouble in escaping the clutches of the law. The most serious crime which led to their arrest was the atrocious murder of Vaughn Helton.

The latter was a neighbor of theirs and owned a piece of property which Barnett wished to buy. Helton refused to sell. Barnett and his gang then began a system of persecutions, and finally they went to Helton's place, and taking their bows, knives, and his cattle to pieces. They then set fire to the dwelling house, and when Helton ran out fired several loads of shot into him.

Helton was not killed, but rather than endure further cruelties moved into Montgomery county. The members of the gang followed him there, and at night, after the family had retired, broke open the doors of his house and entered. They murdered Helton in the arms of his wife. The crime aroused the entire section, and Ringo led the chase after them. All seven of the gang were captured, and each received a sentence of life imprisonment in the penitentiary. They are now carrying out their sentence, except Watkins, who died shortly after being sent to the penitentiary.

Ringo's name and notoriety was his capital of Alfred Little, the celebrated Beathitt county outlaw. He did it in conjunction with two other men, and it was one of the most noted incidents in the criminal history of Kentucky. Accompanied by his two friends he rode from Mt. Sterling across the mountains to Jackson, the county seat of Beathitt, where there lived a man named Little, a friend and defying the law. Ringo met Little in the streets, and at once seized him, and catching a horse that was hitched near by, they put Little upon it. The whole town had been aroused and rushed to the rescue of the prisoner. The latter was carried away by the two deputies, while the little cripple, Ringo, with six cohorts in either hand, held back the enraged crowd until Little and his captors were out of sight on the road to Mt. Sterling. Ringo then jumped on his own horse and followed them. They escaped to Mt. Sterling, and Little is now serving a sixteen years' sentence in the United States prison at Leavenworth.

Ringo has a long list of murderers and robbers whom he has captured or assisted in capturing. Among them are William Barnes, of Menifee county, who was sentenced for life for murder; Jack Ballard, of Bath, received the same sentence for the same crime; Bunton Shouse, of Bath county, also received a life sentence for murder. He was a most desperate man, and his brothers attempted to rescue him from the officers on the streets of Owingville, the county seat of Bath. Two of the brothers were killed and Shouse was not rescued. The list continues and includes Nelson, Joseph, of Floyd county, murder; Wm. Owen, of Menifee, murder; Tom Reiff and Green Rannels, of Menifee, murder; besides there are numerous others arrested for robbery and other crimes.

Ringo puts in a claim for \$1,000 for his services, and he will probably get it. The Governor and Attorney General are about to have it, but that is small recommendation with this Legislature. The House committee on claims, however, will report favorably on Mr. Ringo's bill.

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Judge Cooper.

[Powell County Journal.]

We are at a loss to know how a court could dispose of a docket of 200 cases in a week's time, but being in Judge Cooper's court one hour, we soon had the question well settled in our mind. In our life we have been in many courts, and before a number of judges, but Judge Cooper can dispose of more business and see that it is right, than any court we ever had any experience with. He waits on no one, and seems to put

life and energy into the officers of the court and the attorneys in attendance. He is severe on criminals, and shows them no mercy, but at the same time gives them justice. He is no doubt an able and honest judge, and the lawyer that can defeat him at the polls in August, cannot be found in the State. The good people of the district want him, and will have him. The Legislature are trying to cut up the district, and if the bill passes, Rowan county will be in his jurisdiction, and if the villains of that bloody county want to keep out of the penitentiary they had best pull out for Texas, as an early day, if the judge gets there. We need just such men as he is on the bench in this country, and we long for more like him. If they had about six like him on the bench in Cincinnati where they are two years behind, they would clear the docket in less than a year, and do it right. The judge is a good one.

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